Meeting Minutes
Healthy Connections Communities: HCBS Rule Workgroup

Subject	Monthly Meeting	Date/Time	November 5, 2015 /10 AM – 11:30 AM
Location	DHHS Jefferson Square, J11 Conference Room		
Connection Info	**Phone:** Please choose the access number local to you: 803-726-9796 864-908-3279 843-737-7035 **Code: 306274#**		

Attendees

SC HHS	Y/N	Lt. Gov. Office on Aging	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N
Peter Liggett	N	J. Yancey McGill	N	Gloria Prevost	Y
Kelly Eifert	Y			Nancy McCormick	Y
Cassidy Evans	Y	**Legislature**	**Y/N**		
Lara Sheehi	N	Ryan Burnaugh	N	**Family Connections**	**Y/N**
George Maky	Y	Angie Willis	N	Amy Holbert	N
Kara Wagoner-Lewis	Y	**SC Vocational Rehabilitation**		Shannon Staley	N
Anita Atwood	Y	Barbara Hollis	N		
Julie Cook	N	Linda Lieser	N	**Providers**	**Y/N**
Catrena Britton	Y	Jacob Chorey	N	Joy Jay, *Mental Health America*	N
Sonia Wright	N	**DMH**	**Y/N**	Phil Emory, *Gateway*	N
Cindy Pedersen	N	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	Y	Barbara Wright, *Helping Hands*	N
Lisa Ragland	Y			Lynn Stockman, *Newberry County Council on Aging*	N
Belinda Adams	N	**DDSN**	**Y/N**	Mary Poole, *York DSN Board*	Y
Sherry Everett	Y	Beverly Buscemi	N	Rick Magner, *Charleston DSN Board*	Y
Tony Matthews	Y	Susan Beck	Y	Judy Johnson*, Babcock Center (Donna Hall for -)*	Y
Vanessa Busbee	N	Janet Priest	Y	Diane Wilush, *United Cerebral Palsy*	N
AnnMarie Dwyer	N	Dave Goodell	Y	Brad Beasley, *United Cerebral Palsy*	N
Jennifer Gilmore	N	Tom Waring	N	John Cocciolone, *Greenville DSN Board*	N
Alexis Martin	N			Terry Rogers, *CHESCO Services*	N
Russell Morrison	Y	**AARP**	**Y/N**	Anne Connor-Schisler, *Aging with Flair*	N
Vivian McCray	N	Coretta Bedsole	N	Dee Curran, *Adult Enrichment Centers*	N
Terrell McMorris	Y			Samantha Kriegshauser, *Adult Enrichment Centers*	N
Sheila Chavis	N	**Federation of Families**	**Y/N**	Russell Rhodes, *Adult Enrichment Centers*	N
Vikki Rumph	N	Belinda Pearson - Barber	N	Dale Thompson, *Anderson DSN Board*	N
Jenny Lynch	Y			Elizabeth Krauss, *Georgetown DSN Board*	Y
Bryan Kost	N	**SC Developmental Disabilities Council**	**Y/N**	Ralph Courtney, *Aiken DSN Board/Tri-Development Center*	Y
		Valarie Bishop	Y		
		Reyhan Miller	Y	**Beneficiaries/Families**	**Y/N**
				Tracie Hayward	N
		SC ABLE	**Y/N**	Angela Greene	N
		Kimberly Tissot	N	Bill Welch	N

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No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
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1.	Welcome	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Workgroup Updates: ID/RD Waiver Renewal PRIME waiver amendments 1915 (i) Person-centered planning	Leads	
3.	Provider Self-assessment – initial global analysis	Cassidy Evans & Kelly Eifert	
4.	General Updates Heightened Scrutiny – public input	Cassidy Evans	
5.	Discussion: Vision for HCBS in South Carolina	Kelly Eifert	

No.	Topic	Highlights
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1.	Workgroup Updates	- Person-centered planning - Group met on 11/4/2015 - Discussed first draft of a SCDHHS policy on HCBS requirements for person-centered planning - Working on a webpage that would be a resource on person-centered planning - ID/RD Waiver Renewal - Requesting another extension - Still working on public comment summary (apparently some came in after the deadline, but are still addressing them) - PRIME waiver amendments - Working on Phase 2 amendment responses to public comments - Hope to submit soon; begin work on Phase 3 1915 (i) – no representative to give update
2.	Provider Self-assessment – initial global analysis	- Cassidy reviewed the data gathered from the provider C4 self-assessments, conducted a global analysis by non-residential and residential programs - The two documents are attached in the email with the minutes - Will be put on the HCBS website under the "Provider" tab ⟶ "C4 Assessments"

- Data will be used to help program areas address any overarching issues
- Data will also be used to inform the Heightened Scrutiny process
- Providers will still receive individual feedback
- Non-residential analysis – highlights:
  - Included Adult Day Health Care/Adult Day Care and DDSN Day programs
  - Q. 1.1.3 – concern about programs separating people who receive HCBS from those that do not
    - It was noted that the design of the programs/service SCDHHS pays for really does that
  - Q. 2.1.2 – concerns about individuals having opportunities to interact with individuals without disabilities
    - There was some discussion on the wording and subsequent interpretation of this question
  - Q. 3.1.2. – Concerns that a few programs indicated that staff **do** retaliate against individuals who submit complaints.
  - Q. 3.1.5 – indicates that individuals do make choices about their activities, BUT
  - Q. 3.1.8 – indicates that not all individuals' schedules vary (most do)
    - Not sure how those two can go together…
  - Questions on participant involvement in their service planning:
    - Q.3.5.2 – indicates many settings did not have the participant at the last planning meeting
    - Q. 3.5.3 – indicates that participants did not participate in their planning meetings
    - Q. 3.5.4 – indicates that the individual's input is not reflected in their plan
- Residential analysis – highlights:
  - Sorted by program
  - Q. 1.4.2, 1.4.4. – concerns about visitors for residents, want to be sure providers are not putting restrictions on

		- Q 2.3.1 – Not every program has locking doors on bedrooms and bathrooms Q. 2.6.2 – Almost all responses indicated that health information is kept securely, but site visits indicate otherwise with records out in bookcases in living rooms, easily accessible Q. 5.6 – Results in this section show good participation in service planning Q. 6.1.1 – Regarding leases/residential agreement – providers will need to work on this one. Some don't have anything, some have an agreement – but may not have "the same landlord/tenant protections" as a standard lease
3.	Heightened Scrutiny – public input	- SCDHHS posted public notice for input into the heightened scrutiny process (named "HCB Settings Quality Review) - https://msp.scdhhs.gov/hcbs/site-page/hcb-settings-quality-review - https://www.scdhhs.gov/public-notices - You should have received email with notice from Kelly - Will be hosting a webinar to explain process and answer questions - Public input period until Dec. 31, 2015 - SCDHHS also working on criteria for providers who have settings that will be subject to review - Once ready, Kelly will post on HCBS website, send out via email - Can reference the CMS FAQs on this topic: - http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/long-term-services-and-supports/home-and-community-based-services/downloads/home-and-community-based-setting-requirements.pdf
4.	Discussion	- Concern brought up about outcomes of participant choices - At what point will participants be held accountable for their own choices (particularly the bad ones) **instead of** the provider?

		○ HCBS rule offers choice to participants, which is not a bad thing, but participants may not be capable of fully understanding those choices and therefore not capable of fully understanding the consequences of their choices (good, bad, indifferent) ○ Providers face challenges in this area ○ One provider exploring implementing Supported Decision Making as a model to use (instead of opting for full guardianship – not where they want to go) ○ Kelly commented that she learned about Supported Decision Making at the HCBS conference, thought it was good information and has included the presentation in the email with the minutes • Concerns brought up about Transportation ○ Is a means to facilitate access to the community (per the HCBS rule) ○ Stated there are disparities between Day programs and ADHC's ○ ADHC's get a separate Transportation service ○ Can the same be done for Day programs?

Action Items			
No.	**Action Item**	**Owner**	**Target Completion Date**
1.	Post C4 global analysis data to website	Kelly	Nov. 9, 2015

Next Meeting: December 3, 2015
SCDHHS **J 7 Conference Room**

Future Meetings/Email Updates:
January 7, 2016
February 4, 2016